

## Herculite Suggested Graphic Application Guidelines

Fabricating a high quality awning with Coastline Plus or Vanguard awning fabric is only one part of creating a visually appealing and effective commercial awning project.

Graphics can be added to Coastline Plus or Vanguard using several popular methods such as pressure sensitive film, inset graphics and acrylic paint.

For maximum results, fabricators should follow some general guidelines prior to applying graphics on Coastline Plus or Vanguard.

- Test a small area
- Clean the Substrate with isopropyl alcohol prior to applying graphics as dirt can build up on the substrate's surface during shipping and while in storage. Always use solid white inexpensive paper towel and wipe across the goods left to right, never in circular motions. Do not use solvents.
- Vinyl graphic should be new with relatively low shelf life.
- Make sure the substrate is handled properly before, during and after application. Roll the substrate color/ graphic side out.

### Pressure Sensitive Graphics –

Today the majority of graphics are applied using pressure sensitive film. For maximum results we suggest the following:

- Select a pressure sensitive film that uses a **permanent solvent-based adhesive system**.
- Use a **high-performance** cast pressure sensitive film.
- Apply pressure sensitive film with even pressure on a **flat surface** for best adhesion.
- Always use freshly dated pressure sensitive films- adhesion diminishes as films age.

Many customers have used these products with great success:

- Avery Products , A-8 film or A-6
- 3M Scotchcal Plus Series 3630, 7725